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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PGOV WB GE US UK FR UR  
SUBJECT: NEW GDR REGULATION ON MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS

1. ACCORDING TO A GERMAN CORRESPONDENT FOR SPRINGER  
DOMESTIC PRESS SERVICE, THE GDR HAS ISSUED A NEW  
REGULATION REQUIRING THAT ALL MILITARY, CUSTOMS AND  
POLICE AIRCRAFT WHICH OVERFLY THE TERRITORY OF THE GDR  
HAVE A PERMIT VALID FOR THE DAY OF THE FLIGHT OR BE  
COVERED BY A TREATY WITH THE GDR. THE REGULATION WAS  
ISSUED BY GDR DEFENSE MINISTER HOFFMANN ON  
FEBRUARY 7 AND PUBLISHED IN THE GDR LEGAL JOURNAL  
(GESETZBLATT) FOR FEBRUARY 21.

2. THE CORRESPONDENT STATED THAT THERE  
WAS NO REFERENCE IN THE REGULATION TO THE BERLIN  
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CORRIDORS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THOSE CORRIDORS WERE  
OVER THE TERRITORY OF THE GDR AND WONDERED HOW THE  
NEW REGULATION WOULD AFFECT ALLIED MILITARY FLIGHTS.  
HIS EDITORS WERE PRESSING HIM TO OBTAIN A STATEMENT  
FROM AT LEAST ONE OF THE ALLIED EMBASSIES.

3. EMBOFF CONSIDERED IT BETTER TO TRY TO DISPOSE OF

THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY THAN TO ALLOW THE SPRINGER PRESS  
TO FEED SPECULATION WITH SENSATIONAL HEADLINES. HE  
THEREFORE RESPONDED THAT THE SOVIET GRANT OF  
SOVEREIGNTY TO THE GDR DID NOT EXTEND TO THE AIR  
CORRIDORS WHICH REMAINED UNDER FOUR POWER CONTROL.  
EVEN THOUGH THE NEW REGULATION, WHICH EMBASSY HAD NOT  
SEEN, DID NOT SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDE ALLIED MILITARY  
FLIGHTS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT GDR LEGISLATION HAD NO  
BEARING ON SUCH FLIGHTS IN THE BERLIN CORRIDORS.

4. ASKED WHETHER IT WAS NOT INCUMBENT ON ALLIES TO SPEAK  
OUT PUBLICLY, IN ORDER TO AVOID CLAIM BY GDR THAT THE  
REGULATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE ALLIES, EMBOFF  
EXPRESSED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS PURELY PERSONAL OPINION  
THAT NO ALLIED STATEMENT WAS NECESSARY. THE FACT THAT  
ALLIED AIRCRAFT WERE CONTINUING TO USE THE CORRIDORS  
UNDER PROCEDURES AGREED BY THE FOUR POWERS  
SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

5. FOR BERLIN: WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL TEXT  
OF NEW REGULATION.

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